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Committee hearing?

SENATOR SCHMIT: At the Committee hearing, yes.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: By whom?

SENATOR SCHMIT: By Mr. Jim Cook of the Natural Resources District.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: In this form?

SENATOR SCHMIT: In that form.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Okay, could I have a question of Senator Dickinson.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Yes, sir.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Senator Dickinson, why was the bill not introduced in the form of the amendment?

SENATOR DICKINSON: Senator Cavanaugh, my answer to a ridiculous question, you have taken bills to Committees and had someone else come with an amendment that you were not even aware of. However, I was aware of this one. I simply said to the proposer that if he wanted to introduce this to the Committee as an amendment, that was fine. That is what he did. The Committee adopted it.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: What was your intent in the bill?

SENATOR DICKINSON: My intent was to allow, as Senator Schmit has said, it was ruled by Mr. Cook, who is an attorney for the Natural Resources Commission, and Mr. Paul Peters, whom I am sure you know as a colleague of yours in the law practice in Omaha, who represents the Papio Natural Resource District, had made a determination based on prior legislation that a Director of a Natural Resource District, by virtue of that job for which they receive no pay, could not participate in normal cost sharing practices for soil conservation work, terraces, dams, structures, waterways, whatever that everyone else was qualified to participate in by virtue of the fact that he or she was Director of the District. The intent of the bill is simply to clarify that so there will be no problem about that person being discriminated against in these cost sharing plans.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: All right. Senator Schmit, the bill would now allow a person to receive compensation up to \$5,000 for work he did for the District, if he was a member of the Board?

SENATOR SCHMIT: No, it would not, Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Isn't that what the amendment says?

SENATOR SCHMIT: No, it does not.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: What does it say?